

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, October 26, 2021

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Thomas K. Butt via teleconference.

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Contra Costa County and Governor Gavin Newsom issued multiple orders requiring sheltering in place, social distancing, and reduction of person-to-person contact. Accordingly, on September 15, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Assembly Bill 361 that allowed cities to continue to hold public meetings via teleconferencing.

DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS, attendance at the City of Richmond City Council meeting was limited to councilmembers, essential City of Richmond staff, and members of the news media. Public comment was confined to items appearing on the agenda and was limited to the methods provided below. Consistent with Assembly Bill 361, this meeting utilized teleconferencing only. The following provides information on how the public participated in the meeting.

The public was able to view the meeting from home on KCRT Comcast Channel 28 or AT&T Uverse Channel 99 and livestream online at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3178/KCRT-Live> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/KCRRTV>.

*The methods to submit public comment were via mail, email to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us, teleconference, and telephone during the meeting. Written comments received by 1:00 p.m. on October 26, 2021, were put into the record and considered before council action. Written comments received after 1:00 p.m. and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item closed, were also put into the record. **Attached herewith all written public comments received.***

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Claudia Jimenez, Eduardo Martinez, Gayle McLaughlin, Melvin Willis, Vice Mayor Demnlus Johnson III, and Mayor Thomas K. Butt. **Absent:** Councilmember Nathaniel Bates was absent for the entire meeting.

CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code Section 54957):

Title: City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference regarding the performance evaluation item: Randy Joseph, Ahmad Anderson, and Marisol Cantu.

The Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:08 p.m.
Closed Session adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Butt via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates and Willis were absent for the entire meeting.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Items J-2 and J-3 were discussed together. Item J-5 was moved for discussion immediately following the Open Forum.

REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY ON FINAL DECISIONS MADE DURING CLOSED SESSION

Interim Senior Assistant City Attorney Heather McLaughlin stated there were no final actions to report.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Laura Snideman announced that the City of Richmond's Literacy for Every Adult Program was seeking volunteers to serve approximately two hours twice per week.

RECENT CRIME REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Acting Chief of Police Louie Tirona reported the following Richmond crime statistics since the last report on October 5, 2021: aggravated assaults decreased by 28%; firearms assaults increased by 30%; robberies increased by 17%; criminal sexual assault decreased by 64%; total violent crime decreased by 16%; burglary crime increased by 19% with the largest increase in commercial burglaries by 57%; vehicle thefts decreased by 15%; and overall property crime decreased by 9%.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

G-1. Mayor Butt read letters in recognition of Richmond Police Officer Amela Nurko and Sergeant Joshua Clark for their heroic acts on August 30, 2021. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Nikki Beasley, Mark Wassberg, Ben Therriault, Officer Nurko, and Sergeant Clark.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals gave comments via teleconference:

Mark Wassberg gave comments regarding the Police Department's budget and police checkpoints in Richmond.

Karla Perez gave comments regarding a fallen tree on Carlson Boulevard between South 37th Street and Potrero Boulevard. Ms. Perez advised that she made numerous requests to the City of Richmond since April 2021 to cut the trees back.

Andres Soto thanked the Council majority that voted to no longer defend the City of Richmond in the Point Molate litigation. Mr. Soto gave comments regarding news articles concerning the regulation of environmental polluters. Mr. Soto expressed concerns regarding recent flaring events at the Richmond Chevron Refinery and advocated for a stronger flaring rule and industrial safety ordinance.

Oscar Garcia gave comments against a news article regarding environmental pollution highlighted by a previous public speaker. Mr. Garcia encouraged the community to take into account the destructive behavior of people that do not live in Richmond.

BUDGET SESSION

I-1. The matter to receive an update on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 budget, update to the FY 2021-2022 budget stemming from the implementation of various approved programs, update to the Richmond Housing Authority budget, and proposed uses of the projected FY 2020-2021 unanticipated revenue; approve proposed budget adjustments stemming from the implementation of the previously approved programs from both Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force and American Rescue Plan Act including changes to position control and adding expenditures omitted from the adopted budget; and adopt a resolution approving the proposed FY 2021-2022 budget adjustments, was introduced by Accounting Manager Antonio Banuelos. Mr. Banuelos presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: FY 2021-2022 budget for Reimagining Public Safety and the American Rescue Plan Act; budget summaries and impacts; Measure U; position control; proposed uses of surplus funds; and next steps. Discussion ensued. Steven Bishoff and Leisa Johnson gave comments via teleconference. On motion of Vice Mayor Johnson III, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, adopted **Resolution No. 126-21** by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, and Vice Mayor Johnson III. **Noes:** Mayor Butt. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates and Willis.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

J-1. On motion of Vice Mayor Johnson III, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, adopted **Resolution No. 127-21** requiring the continued use of teleconferencing for the meetings of all City of Richmond legislative bodies pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates and Willis. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Leisa Johnson, Mark Wassberg, and Randy Joseph.

J-2. The matter to direct staff to review ordinances from other jurisdictions to Prohibit Spectators at Illegal Speed Contests, Exhibitions of Speed, or Sideshows and draft an ordinance for the City of Richmond for the first reading in November 2021 was presented together with Item J-3.

J-3. The matter to receive an update regarding the collaborative plan between the Richmond Police Department and the Public Works Department to address illegal sideshows and provide direction to staff was presented together with Item J-2. Acting Chief of Police Louie Tirona presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: sideshow and reckless driving definitions; year-to-date statistics; and current and proposed sideshow prevention tools. Discussion ensued. The Council requested the percentage of calls in one week for sideshows vs. reckless driving and an area map of sideshows. The Council recommended more coordination with the Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) team. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Mark Wassberg, Ben Therriault, Mike Parker, Andres Soto, Don Gosney, Hulan Barnett, Soheila Bana, Garland Ellis, Denny Khamphanthong, Leisa Johnson, Katt Ramos, Randy Joseph, Deborah Small, Sara Cantor, Joey Schlemmer, Oscar Garcia, Tarnel Abbott, Evelyn Santos, and Deborah Bayer. A motion was made by Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin, directing staff to consider placing engineering solutions in parts of the May Valley and Hilltop areas and work more collaboratively with the LRSP team to develop a comprehensive solution for the safe streets plan and budget. A friendly amendment to the motion by Councilmember McLaughlin directing staff to also work with the neighborhood councils on the preferred engineering solutions was accepted by the motion maker. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates and Willis. The Council requested staff to provide more information on the LRSP team.

J-4. The matter to receive a presentation from Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) and the Natural Resources Defense Council regarding fossil fuel industry refinery transitions and provide direction to City of Richmond staff was introduced by Councilmember Martinez. CBE Staff Researcher Dan Sakaguchi and Senior Attorney Ann Alexander of the Natural Resources Defense Agency presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: Chevron Energy Transition Spotlight; hydrogen basics; leveraging Chevron Richmond Refinery; biofuels basics and proposed conversions; environmental and community concerns; and Chevron's announcements. Discussion ensued. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Torm Nompraseurt, Hakim Johnson, Jeff Ritterman, Andres Soto, Denny Khamphanthong, and Mike Parker.

J-5. The matter to direct staff to apply the three absence rule, as stated in the Commissions, Boards, and Committees Handbook, prospectively (going forward) to the Reimagining Public Safety Community Task Force was introduced by Councilmember McLaughlin. The Council recommended updating the handbook in the future to coincide with the various boards and commissions enacting resolutions and ordinances and consider conducting orientations for new board and commission members. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Don Gosney, Mark Wassberg, and Deborah Small. On motion of Councilmember Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, approved said direction to staff by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Councilmembers Bates and Willis.

J-6. The matter to receive a presentation by Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) regarding the proposed Marin East Bay Emergency Intertie Project that would undertake to construct a water pipeline connection to East Bay Municipal Utilities District to be located on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge in order to augment MMWD's water supply in response to the current drought, was introduced by Public Works Director Joe Leach. MMWD representatives Ben Horenstein, Larry Russell, Paul Sellier, and Emma Detwiler presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: the need for the project; Emergency Intertie Project overview; mobile pump station; initial assessment of options; impacts; and next steps. Discussion ensued. Mayor Butt advised that he intended to appoint an ad-hoc committee to engage with MMWD and make recommendations on this matter. The following individuals gave comments via teleconference: Oliver Reyes, Don Gosney, Leisa Johnson, Bruce Beyaert, and Jan Diamon.

(At 11:00 p.m. - a motion by Vice Mayor Johnson III, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to extend the meeting to hear the four public speakers requesting to speak for Item J-6 passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. Noes: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Councilmembers Bates and Willis).

(A motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to allow an additional public comment from Jan Diamon for Item J-6 passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Jimenez, Martinez, McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Johnson III, and Mayor Butt. Noes: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Councilmembers Bates and Willis).

J-7. CONTINUED to the November 23, 2021, City Council agenda - the matter to announce recent resignation from City of Richmond boards, commissions, and committees; and announce vacancies as of October 20, 2021, and ask that interested individuals send applications to the city clerk.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS: REFERRALS TO STAFF, AND GENERAL REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

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good evening Mayor Butt, Council Members and city staff, I have a couple of comments for the record

1. I do think that Laura Snideman has done a wonderful Job as city manager
2. she always follows the direction that the council has provided

Sincerely
Cordell

From: [Steve Bischoff](#)
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October 26, 2021

Restore funding to the Richmond Police Department

Mayor Butt and members of the Richmond city Council,

We are asking you to restore part of the funding that was cut from the Richmond Police Department budget earlier this year.

As you can see from the information on pages 23 and 24 in the FY 21-22 reorganizing budget materials, in both FY 2018-19 and 2019-20, the Police Department had funding for 178 sworn personnel. In the FY 20-21 budget, the number of sworn personnel was reduced to 157, then to 145 in the FY 21-22 budget

Non-sworn personnel has decreased only slightly, during that time it went from 67 to 65, but in terms of full-time equivalent personnel, the Police Department has gone from to 245 FTEs to 210.

Part of the rationale for cutting the Police Department budget was that activities proposed by the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force were supposed to reduce the workload of the police department by having other agencies do some of that work, notably the crisis response program and traffic enforcement, as well. However, a crisis response program outside the Police Department has not been developed yet and traffic enforcement hasn't changed from the Department. Meanwhile, other kinds of work have come up that were not anticipated like dealing with sidseshows.

The short-term solution would be to restore part of the general fund that was cut from the Police Department budget. Starting on November 1, two thirds of the current fiscal year will be left, so we propose that two thirds of the \$3 million be taken out of funding Reimagining programs and put back into the Police Department budget.

If \$2 million is restored to the department budget, that will help pay at least for part of the continued crisis response the police department is doing and some for traffic enforcement.

This partial restoration would also provide an opportunity for the general public to speak up about what they feel is needed from the Police Department. Several of us who are representatives of various community constituencies will be soliciting that input so that it can be considered by the Council before any decisions are made for a FY 2022-23 City budget.

Thank you for considering this request, Steve Bischoff, Cheryl Collier, Darcy Crosman, Cynthia Haden,

Josephine Velazquez,

Marena Brown, Shields-Reid Neighborhood Council - Norma La Bat, Eastshore Neighborhood Council
- Arto Rinteela, Fairmeade Hilltop Neighborhood Council - Linda Whitmore, Santa Fe Neighborhood
Council - John W. Ziesenhenne, M.A. Hays Co

From: [Leisa Johnson](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Pamela Christian](#); [Leisa Johnson](#)
Subject: Public comments - Items J-2 & J-3, Sideshows, 10/26/2021
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Dear City Clerk,

Can you please include these written open forum comments in the formal supplementary meeting materials? Please note that these two items were combined tonight.

Thank you,
Leisa

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council and Staff:

Some want zero accountability for illegal activity in our City. Many keep saying that it is OK to do illegal activity in our city — fireworks, sideshows, donuts — because it is a culturally acceptable.

Personally, I don't want to live in a City where its City Council puts "culture" above **everyone's** public health & safety and disregards the law.

Councilmember Jimenez is ignoring the fact that many people do not call 911 to report donuts and other illegal road activity because they know RPD currently doesn't have the manpower or ability to get there in time to catch them thanks in large part to the RPA 5 councilmembers defunding RPD.

It seems to me that Councilmember Jimenez is saying that if the Task Force doesn't provide this recommendation but rather the vast majority of active Neighborhood Councils and members of the community do that we should just be dismissed.

Many of the more permanent deterrents proposed (botts dots or concrete planters or roundabouts) are not feasible in certain areas including Canal Blvd going out to the Port. You can't simply engineer your way out of this serious Public Health & Safety risk.

These events also migrate, so we need to send a strong message that this won't be tolerated in Richmond. And as more and more cities put stricter laws on their books, Richmond will become the hub of these types of activities.

- San Jose's newest ordinance holds **promoters** of illegal sideshows culpable for their actions.
- Fairfield's newest ordinance holds **participants** of illegal sideshows culpable for their actions.

The attorney indicated at the September CC meeting that Richmond's municipal code (RMC) currently states that the penalty for participating in a sideshow is 5 days jail and a \$1K fine. I have been told by people who have participated in sideshows in their youth that their vehicles are what matters the most to them, more than even going to jail. Moreover, they likely won't serve any jail time due to Covid, unless they kill someone with their car.

I think any ordinance should apply to a driver, spectator and/or promoter. This also aligns with current Richmond Municipal Code as per the lawyer's comments in September.

1. I would like to see it clearly spelled out for the public which vehicles will be impounded and for how long. For example,

- 1st offense - 30 days
- 2nd offense - 6 months
- 3rd offense - permanent impound **with the vehicle being sold and proceeds going to support youth programs in Richmond.**

2. I also think that a vehicle captured on video or photographed by a member of the public, and which includes the license plates, **should still be subject to impound.** As a vehicle owner, you are responsible for who you allow to drive your car. If the vehicle has been stolen, and this can be verified, then obviously the owner shouldn't be subject to having his vehicle impounded further. I understand that they can't prosecute the owner for driving if the police don't observe and catch them.

3. Since this City is in dire need of trash removal and weed abatement, **perhaps the ordinance could differentiate between significant community service vs. jail.** For example,

- 1st offense - 100 hours of community service
- 2nd offense - 150 hours of community service
- 3rd offense - 200 hours of community service

NOTE: I think the ordinance should specify that the community service can only be fulfilled by cleaning up trash, weeds, etc.

4. I also think fines could be increased based on number of offenses:

- 1st offense - \$1K
- 2nd offense - \$5K
- 3rd offense - \$10K

The RPA has no issue with proposing fines for ma & pa housing providers starting at \$5-10K for first time minor offenses.

If they don't pay their fines, this should negatively impact their ability to renew their car registration and be insured. I'm not sure what the law is regarding driver license suspensions and revocations, but that should be on the table, too, especially with multiple offenses.

But again, their cars are what are most important to them. **So anything that limits their ability to have their car or drive one legally will likely be most impactful.**

5. Lastly, I am hugely supportive of CCTV throughout the community and in the right locations, which may also help have an impact on illegal dumping. The City can work with Neighborhood Councils and members of the community to help monitor these cameras and save cost.

Respectfully,
Leisa

From: [Theresa](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Soheila Bana](#); [Albert Walle](#); [May Valley Neighborhood Council](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEM #J-3/Petition Re Sideshows: Please Improve Traffic Safety on May Rd.
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Dear Ms. Christian,

The May Valley community of Richmond is petitioning the Richmond City Council to find a quick solution to address the sideshows and donuts on May Valley. Please see the live petition [here](#).

The donuts and recent sideshow have resulted in a change of lifestyle for many of our senior citizens. For instance, Bill Edwards has lived on May Road since the 50's and is an original homeowner and has walked daily with his dog; he is now reluctant to take his daily walk due to the dangerous road conditions. Mr. Edwards hasn't signed our online petition because he, like many of the immediate residents on or near May Road, neither has an email address nor uses a computer. The petition has collected over 150 signatures and it is still active. Please see the list of signatures attached.

We would like the Richmond City Council to take action to address this serious concern. This issue will be discussed at the 10/26 meeting and we would like the petition added to the agenda.

Best regards,

Theresa Short

Name	City	State	Postal Cod	Country	Signed On
Theresa Short				US	9/28/2021
Karen Peterson	Richmond	CA	94804	US	10/6/2021
Jerry Short Jr	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/6/2021
Margaret Helsel	Richmond	CA	94804	US	10/7/2021
Iorna Padia Markus	Alameda	CA	94501	US	10/7/2021
Kevin English	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Sandra Mulhearn	Richmond	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Mary E Boyle	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
LARRY HATFIELD	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Sheryl Fantom-Jehan	Richmond	CA	94804	US	10/7/2021
Diana Gradstein	San Francisco	CA	94105	US	10/7/2021
Jeanmarie Reginato	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Raymond Lopez	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Dawn Sandner	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Liana Lopez	Richmond	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Diana Escobar	San Pablo	CA	94806	US	10/7/2021
Umen Taylor	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Elizabeth Bautista	Suisun City	CA	94585	US	10/7/2021
Roxy Lee	Crockett	CA	94525	US	10/7/2021
L. Miller	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Pam Jupp	Fairfield	CA	94534	US	10/7/2021
Ann Nguyen	Richmond	CA	94804	US	10/7/2021
Nancy Gifford	Richmond	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Martha Booz	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Lisa DeCastro	Richmond	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
sherry berntsen	Vallejo	CA	94589	US	10/7/2021
Elisabeth Mahnken	El Sobrante	CA	94820	US	10/7/2021
Lan Tran	Richmond	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Glenn Hayes	Mesa	AZ	85206	US	10/7/2021
Carina Zaragoza	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Nicole Mendoza	Oakland	CA	94612	US	10/7/2021
Ann Giacomelli	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Rosie Laird	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Brenda and Luis Carazo	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Frances Frick	Roseville	CA	95747	US	10/7/2021
Mary & Fred Cochran	Richmond	CA	94804	US	10/7/2021
Theresa Hardy	Sacramento	CA	95820	US	10/7/2021
Raquel McClure	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Bonny Lowe	Damascus	OR	97089-782	US	10/7/2021
Ellen Stephens	Richmond	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Tracy LaFreniere	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Ginger Allen	Richmond	CA	94503	US	10/7/2021
Julius Sanchez	Richmond	CA	94804	US	10/7/2021
Analyn Patten	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Susan Nelson	El Sobrante	CA	94803	US	10/7/2021
Susan Willians	Redding	CA	96002	US	10/7/2021

Casey Northern	San Pablo	CA	94803 US	10/7/2021
Charles Halcomb	Orland	CA	95963 US	10/7/2021
Alison DeJung	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/7/2021
Marinell Danel	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/7/2021
Kathryn Davis	Richmond	CA	94801 US	10/7/2021
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Rose Lucietta	Richmond	CA	94803 US	10/7/2021
Sarah Dunham	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/8/2021
jeri monjaraz	el sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/8/2021
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Jack Freeman	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/8/2021
Nora Falcon	Richmond	CA	94803 US	10/8/2021
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Lauren Battas	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/8/2021
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Aleah Gomez	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/8/2021
Rubi Sanchez	Oakland	CA	94605 US	10/8/2021
Cheryl Armstrong	Richmond	CA	94803 US	10/8/2021
Marya Kurwa	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/8/2021
Williams Rhonda	Santa Rosa	CA	95404 US	10/8/2021
Tiffany English	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/8/2021
Simone O	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/8/2021
Tim Gilleland	Hollywood	CA	90046 US	10/8/2021
Christian Smith	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/8/2021
Cindy Mooney	South San Francisco	CA	94080 US	10/8/2021
Tula Smith	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/8/2021
Angela Boyer	Oakland	CA	94606 US	10/8/2021
Sindy Anderson	Richmond	CA	94803 US	10/8/2021
Melody Yee	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/8/2021
Cynthia Sweet			US	10/8/2021
Clinton Kamiya	Pacifica	CA	94044-361 US	10/8/2021
Katrina Parsons	El Cerrito	CA	94803 US	10/8/2021
Kathleen Soden	Berkeley	CA	94705 US	10/8/2021
Mark Granzella	San Ramon	CA	94583 US	10/8/2021
Jennifer Huber	El Sobrante	CA	94806 US	10/8/2021

Susan Thompson	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/8/2021
Sandy Luong	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/8/2021
Helen Arnold	Chandler	AZ	85226 US	10/9/2021
Justin Davis	El Sobrante	CA	95803 US	10/9/2021
Kelly Short	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/9/2021
Dustin Short	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/9/2021
Belinda Mcgranahan	El sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/9/2021
Michelle Lopez	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/9/2021
Kimba Maercks	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/9/2021
Chris Roeske	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/9/2021
Carol Garcia	Benicia	CA	94510 US	10/9/2021
Anne Marie van Amson	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/9/2021
Scott Cox	San Francisco	CA	94122 US	10/9/2021
Laura McCorkell	Cotati	CA	94931 US	10/9/2021
Victoria cullen	Benicia	CA	94510 US	10/9/2021
Aimee Majdoub	Benicia	CA	94510 US	10/9/2021
Leslie Ross	Richmond/El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/9/2021
Mary Moore	Pinole	CA	94564 US	10/9/2021
Robert Hicks	Santa Clara	CA	95051 US	10/9/2021
Mayela Ortiz	Richmond	CA	94804 US	10/9/2021
Dor Headington	El Sobrante	CA	94803 US	10/9/2021
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Good evening Mayor, Vice Mayor, Councilmembers and City Staff,

I am urging City Council to take action immediately on implementing cost effective engineered solutions to deter donuts and sideshows in the May Valley neighborhood. I live near the intersection of May Rd and Santa Rita Rd where a sideshow occurred on September 19, 2021. Reckless drivers pass through this intersection daily and from my house I can hear cars/drivers doing donuts every single day, rain or shine. Sheldon Elementary School is less than a half a mile from this intersection and drivers speed down May Rd past the school after doing donuts. Children and families, including mine, should not fear for our safety to go for a walk around our neighborhood.

I would also urge the City Council to direct staff to perform a traffic study of the section of May Rd between San Pablo Dam Rd and Valley View Rd, and that this section be considered for a complete streets redesign. There is no reason for a 4 lane road in this residential neighborhood. Measures such as reducing lanes and speed limit, adding bike lanes, landscaped medians and installing speed radar signs to name a few will significantly improve safety, pedestrian and driver experience in the long term.

Thank you,

Wendy Wellbrock

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Hello representatives,

Thank you for the work you all do. I so appreciate having everything from sewage to streets to safety to community programming to your advocacy for social justice and equity.

I am writing to urge you to deny the MMWD permission to use City of Richmond streets or other property for a pump station and water pipeline located on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580.

With appreciation,
Andrew Brosnan
329 31st Street, 94804

From: [Anita Gridley](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); ["ezedmartin@yahoo.com"](#); ["gayleforrichmond@gmail.com"](#); ["mrmelvinwillis@gmail.com"](#)
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I request the City Council **deny** MMWD permission to use City of Richmond streets or other property, including private property of Clearwater Sciences, for a pump station and water pipeline located on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580, 50 yards from my residence.

MMWD's failure to plan should not burden other watersheds, should not burden the environment (heavy construction requires mined materials), and should not destroy the ability to enjoy our homes in relative peace - outside commute hours or Chevron flaring incidents.

Please stop the project.

- a. MMWD needs to live within ITS OWN MEANS.
- b. If that means a Desalinization plant, or capturing fog as some propose, then they need to get off their duffs and take those actions.
- c. Everything is so beautiful in Marin: bright green golf courses NOW such as San Geronimo. Bright green lawns. Full swimming pools. Cows draining lakes.

1. The project has already begun, with workers surveying the location. I spoke with them outside my house. Surveyers are out today. Soil testing has begun. So, the project apparently does not require City of Richmond permission?

2. This proposed project will have an extremely negative impact on the entire Point Richmond hillside neighborhood above Tewksbury: not just construction but the ongoing nightmare of 24x7 noise. Add the backdrop of the Refinery and its ongoing flaring - even October 23 as the skies opened with a deluge, flaring activity was high and those particles rained right back down on us - and this project to the south of the soundwall will amplify all impacts.

3. The situation with the commuter backup and general driver frustration and the lack of engineered intersection at Castro and Tewksbury will be compounded by ANY activity in the immediate area. Drivers routinely ignore the NO TURN ON RED, the NO U-TURN signs. Truckers routinely ignore the NO TRUCKS OVER 5 TONS into

Point Richmond. None of this will be improved by implementing this project at this location.

4. IF this project proceeds, then the Richmond Pump Station should not be placed in the residential & commercial district vicinity of Castro & Tewksbury. Rather, it and the associated generator set and piping should be installed in the industrial area on the other side of I-580 with the pipeline running along or under Chevron Way between Castro and Marine Streets on Caltrans and/or City of Richmond property. From Marine St., the pipeline could be attached to the soffit of the Scofield Avenue freeway bridge structure and westward outboard to the Bay Trail, rather than buried in it. This would eliminate most of the adverse construction and operational impacts on Richmond residents and businesses, while maintaining bicycle and pedestrian access to Point Molate and the Point San Pablo Harbor.

This project destroys the environment, rather than enhancing. Removes access to precious beautiful quiet clean OPEN SPACE on the Point Molate peninsula for ALL who would rather heal the planet by walking or bicycling there.

Anita Gridley
Point Richmond Resident

From: [Barton Hackworth](#)
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City Council please deny MMWD permission to use City of Richmond streets or other property for a pump station and water pipeline located on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580. Please do not permit MMWD to close the Bay Trail.

Sincerely,

Bart Hackworth
Cell: 510-847-1633
Email: bbjasail@gmail.com

From: [Bill Hofmann](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Tom Butt - external](#); [Nat Bates](#); ezedmartin@yahoo.com; gayleforrichmond@gmail.com; mrmelvinwillis@gmail.com; [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#)
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Please insist that MMWD avoid closure of the Bay Trail during construction of the pipeline project. The Council can do this by denying permission to use City of Richmond streets for a pump station and water pipeline on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580.

Many cyclists including myself rely on access to the Bay Trail for both commuting and exercise, and closing this access for as long as planned will be a major loss for the community.

Best regards,
-Bill

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Bill Hofmann
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I urge you to deny the MMWD permission to use City of Richmond streets or other property for a pump station and water pipeline located on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580.

Bob Cone
506 Washington Ave.
Richmond, Ca. 94801

From: [Bonnie Jo Cullison](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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I would like to express my adamant opposition to the approval of the Marin East Bay Emergency Intertie Project.

There are alternatives that would cause much less disruption to the lives of Richmond residents, commuters and bicyclists such as installing the tree to four skid-mounted, above-ground pumps and emergency diesel generators in a residential and commercial areas of Point Richmond. They could be placed in the industrial area on the northern side of I-580. Or they could install the pumpstation at the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580 where EBMUD has a 12" water main.

Furthermore, Marin County has yet to prove that they have taken serious measures to conserve the water they already have. Richmond residents should not have to suffer the disruption to their lives that would ensue during this project when Marin residents themselves have been required to do so little to conserve their water.

I am adamantly opposed to the approval of this project as proposed.

Bonnie Jo Cullison

315 Golden Gate Ave.

Richmond, CA 94801

From: [Brianna Stubbs](#)
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Dear Richmond City Council

I am a Richmond resident, and I use the multi use path on the Richmond Bridge several times to cross on my bike. My husband Commutes by bike 6 days a week to his work in Larkspur. I strongly oppose any closure of the path during the planned Marin water pipe construction. This would compromise the pilot study of the bike path and ultimately force more people back into cars, which is worse for traffic and for the environment. Richmond residents should not have to pay for the Marin water pipe. Please do whatever you can to protect access to the multi use other during the construction.

Brianna Stubbs

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruce Beyaert](#)
To: [Nat Bates](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin >](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Mayor Butt and City Councilors,

I think that you'll be interested in the attached Marin Independent Journal article entitled "Water district allots \$23.2M for bridge pipeline" reporting on the MMWD meeting last week. Especially note that:

"Several Richmond residents attended the meeting to voice strong opposition to the project. Their comments came a day after Richmond Mayor Tom Butt released a scathing newsletter criticizing the water district's planning, claiming the pipeline water would be used to "preserve lush lawns" and listing the various impacts that residents would have to face. The effects would include the closure of a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail, months of construction noise and traffic congestion on local streets and the westbound span of the bridge
Several Richmond residents "

"Though the pipeline could bring in about 13.5 million gallons per day, the East Bay Municipal Utility District said it would only reliably be able to pump in 8 million gallons per day, or 60% of capacity, in order not to affect water pressure for its Point Richmond ratepayers."

"The district set a conservation goal of 40% in April, but residents reached peak conservation of 30% in August. Last week, conservation was 24% compared with average water use from 2018 through 2020."

Bruce

Bruce Beyaert, TRAC Chair

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On Oct 24, 2021, at 1:43 PM, Bruce Beyaert <baytrailtrac@gmail.com> wrote:

Mayor Butt and City Councilors,

This Tuesday night, please inform Marin Municipal Water District that they must avoid closure of the Bay Trail during construction of their intertie pipeline project.

Referring to the attached map, MMWD's proposal to bury a 24" water pipeline in the Bay Trail between Castro Street and the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580 means shutting down bicycle and pedestrian access to/from the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail, Point Molate Beach Park and the Point San Pablo Harbor with its popular Black Star Pirate BarBQ for two to three months. To close one section of the trail is to close the entire 5.5 miles to/from San Rafael, as well as the only bicycle and pedestrian access to Point Molate Beach Park. Shuttle vehicles are not the answer — few will want to go thru the delay and hassle.

MMWD should pursue alternatives to putting the pump station and pipeline in the Point Richmond residential and commercial district. One potential alternative is to use EBMUD's 12" water main at the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580 . Another way to avoid closure of the Bay Trail between Castro St. and Stenmark Drive would be to install MMWD's pumps and water pipeline from Point Richmond in the industrial area on the northern side of I-580, e.g. under or along Chevron Way on Caltrans and/or City property.

The City of Richmond can ensure that the pumps and pipeline are built on the northern side of I-580 by, if necessary, refusing any permits/agreements that MMWD would need to construct them on the southern side of I-580. The 14th richest county in the nation can afford to invest a bit more if necessary to avoid burdening Richmond residents and businesses for their failure to conserve water and implement plans for adequate supplies.

Bruce

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Bay Trail

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Connector Trail

- Complete
- Incomplete

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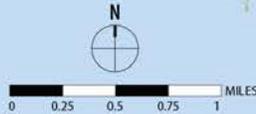
Bay Trail: Castro/Stenmark



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Water district allots \$23.2M for bridge pipeline

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Richmond mayor, others oppose potential noise, congestion from project

By Will Houston

Marin Independent Journal

The Marin Municipal Water District has allocated up to \$23.2 million to buy equipment for a proposed emergency supply pipeline across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

The investment, approved by the district board Tuesday, is the largest the agency has made since proposing the idea earlier this year.

The 8-mile pipeline, estimated to cost up to \$90 million, is the district's main backup plan should it deplete its main reservoir supplies next summer in the event of another dry winter.

"We are doing this project because this drought has shown us we are vulnerable — our district, our customers," board member Monty Schmitt said Tuesday. "We are vulnerable to years of extreme dry conditions, the kinds of conditions that we know are going to become more of the norm."

Several Richmond residents

water would only be used for vital indoor uses to protect health and safety.

The district plans to use bond funds to buy 55,000 feet of steel pipe for \$16.7 million; two large pump stations for \$3.7 million; and two bolted steel tanks for \$1.9 million that each can hold 1 million gallons of water. The equipment would be used to bring purchased Sacramento Valley water over the bridge from Richmond into Marin County.

attended the meeting to voice strong opposition to the project. Their comments came a day after Richmond Mayor Tom Butt released a scathing newsletter criticizing the water district's planning, claiming the pipeline water would be used to "preserve lush lawns" and listing the various impacts that residents would have to face. The effects would include the closure of a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail, months of construction noise and traffic congestion on local streets and the westbound span of the bridge, Butt wrote.

"Richmond is expected to suffer the consequences of poor planning and lack of water conservation by the 14th-richest county in America," Butt wrote.

District staff said the pipeline

and emergency response.

Several Richmond residents attending the board meeting opposed the pipeline. The residents said the district has failed to conduct outreach to neighborhoods that will now have to host pumping stations, endure traffic and noise impacts from construction and see local streets and trails dug up in order to install the piping.

The purchase is not a final decision on whether the pipeline actually will get built. However, district staff said buying the materials now ensures they will be manufactured in time should construction proceed in March.

A vote on an estimated \$40 million construction contract is expected to occur in January.

Board member Larry Bragman said that though he is not a supporter of the pipeline in general, the potential of depleting the water supply warrants action.

“Unless we act, we are taking responsibility for worsening or potentially creating health and safety risks,” Bragman said.

District forecasts show it could deplete its main reservoir supplies as soon as July or August should next winter be as dry as the last. Meteorologists predict that La Niña weather patterns this winter could mean another dry winter.

The Marin County district differs from its counterparts in the Bay Area in that it relies primarily on seven local reservoirs in the Mount Tamalpais watershed for 75% of its water supply and is not connected to state and federal water systems. The district’s reservoirs are now less than a third full and will require significant amounts of rain this winter to overcome the water shortage emergency.

Using the aid of water districts such as East Bay Municipal Utility District and the Contra Costa Water District, the purchased water would travel more than 100 miles through aqueducts, reservoirs, treatment facilities and possibly the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta before arriving in Richmond and being pumped over the bridge.

The district built a similar pipeline during the drought of 1977, the last time it faced running out of local supplies.

Though the pipeline could bring in about 13.5 million gallons per day, the East Bay Municipal Utility District said it would only reliably be able to pump in

“You want a pumping station in your neighborhood? No, you don’t,” Point Richmond resident Jeff Ritterman told the board.

They also argued that the district and Marin County residents have not done enough to conserve water. The district set a conservation goal of 40% in April, but residents reached peak conservation of 30% in August. Last week, conservation was 24% compared with average water use from 2018 through 2020.

Richmond resident Lisa Johnson said her city already has to endure increased traffic and pollution after a third eastbound lane was opened on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and now faces the potential of having a pump station placed in a residential neighborhood.

“Please stop treating us as second-class citizens,” Johnson told the board.

Cynthia Koehler, president of the water district board, apologized for not conducting enough outreach to residents and called on staffers to begin setting meetings.

Ben Horenstein, the district’s general manager, said the staff will “explore every opportunity” to move the piping placement and pumping station away from residential areas.

Environmenta l i s t s such as Fairfax residents Frank Egger, director of the North Coast Rivers Alliance, and Chance Cutrano, programs director at the Resource Renewal Institute, raised concerns about the district’s claiming the pipeline to be exempt from state environmental review because it is an emergency project. They said the project could put more strain on the already high water demands from the Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta, which they said could exacerbate impacts to endangered species such as delta smelt.

In addition to the construction materials, the board also voted unanimously Tuesday to enter into an agreement with the Contra Costa Water District to aid Marin in water purchases and the use of its facilities to bring the water to Marin. The Marin Municipal

8 million gallons per day, or 60% of capacity, in order not to affect water pressure for its Point Richmond ratepayers. Water District estimates that the water purchases and the use of Contra Costa's water system could cost \$8 million to \$9 million.

The board's decision to begin buying construction materials now comes with risk because the sales are nonrefundable, according to district staff. So if this winter brings a deluge of rain that knocks the agency out of its water shortage, the district could be stuck with miles of pipe and other materials.

However, staffers said the pumping stations, water tanks and up to 50% of the pipe can be put to other uses such as pipe replacement projects

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I use it every day to commute to work! I don't have a car. This would be disastrous to me and the many others who use that bike path to commute.

Enviado desde miPhone

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Hello,

I'm writing to ask the City Council to insist that MMWD avoid closure of the Bay Trail during construction of the pipeline project. Richmond residents should not have to suffer for Marin county's lack of foresight.

Kind regards,

[Dani Lanis, vice chair](#)

Richmond Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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From: [Dave Campbell](#)
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Dear Richmond City Council

Bike East Bay opposes any attempts by Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) to install a water pipeline along the Bay Trail connection to the RSR Bridge, from Castro Street to Stenmark Drive. Please insist that MMWD find a different solution.

You supported the people path on the Richmond San Rafael Bridge, which opened in 2019 and has connected thousands of residents from central Richmond neighborhoods with Point Molate, to the RSR Bridge and to Marin County, as well as via new quick-build safety improvements on Ohio Ave and Garrard Blvd, to Miller Knox Park. You have supported and funded in part soon-to-be-new safety connections on Cutting Blvd and Harbor Way South, connecting Santa Fe Neighborhood residents to the Richmond Ferry, to Point Richmond, to the Bridge as well as to nearby jobs and schools. It all gets shut down if Marin gets its way. Keep Richmond walkable and bikeable.

And while you are at it, you might as well make it clear to the Transportation Authority of Marin, and to Metropolitan Transportation Commission, that you are not interested in hearing any conversations about reconverting the people path on the RSR Bridge to a 3rd vehicle lane until Congestion Pricing is evaluated and implemented first. As Mayor Tom Butt has been briefed by MTC, congestion pricing solves Marin County's concerns about congestion on the bridge, as does so at essentially no cost.

Thank you for your support of a safer, more active and healthy City of Richmond. We are here in full support.

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As a resident of Point Richmond and frequent commuter on the Bay Trail across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, I strongly object to the current plan. I think the pipe should be run on city streets, and the pump station should be north of the bridge. There is already a tunnel, with chevron pipelines in it, under the freeway.

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To whom it may concern,

I am an East Bay resident and a frequent user of the bike network. While I think the Bay Area is better than most in terms of bike infrastructure and advocacy, decisions are continually made at the expense of those who rely on active transit as their only mode of transit. As someone without a car, opening the RSR bridge to pedestrian and bike traffic has unlocked much of the region that was before only accessible by car or unreliable public transit. There are other options for the Marin pipeline that don't require disconnecting the Bay Trail, and consideration of mobility and equity should outweigh the financial cost.

Thanks for your consideration,
Hana

From: [Teach Outside](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Hello,

I do not support the water pipeline project with MMWD. We need to build desalination plants and collect atmospheric water to support our long term environmental health. Thank you for your consideration!

Take care,

Heather

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Heather Taylor, EMT
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From: [Jeff Ritterman](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Tom Butt - external](#)
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Dear City Clerk,

I am writing as a resident of Point Richmond and asking the City Council to deny MMWD permission to use City of Richmond streets or other property for a pump station and water pipeline located on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580.

The MMWD has not even come to the POint Richmond Neighborhood Council to discuss this project and admitted at their last meeting that they had been derelict in their duty to do so. In addition they passed the measure without removing the back up plan of using diesel generators. This shows a high degree of arrogance on their part. Furthermore, it is clear that Marin has not really done an adequate job of conservation the very first approach which they should have employed.

I will make these points at the City Council meeting as well.

Respectfully,
Jeff Ritterman, MD

From: [Jeff Shaw](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Hello, I'm writing to request that the Richmond City Council demand that the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail stay open during during construction of the MMWD pipeline project.

Besides providing recreational opportunities, this pathway is an important transportation corridor for those who do not travel by automobile.

The Richmond City Council must demand that MMWD provide a plan for keeping the trail open during construction, and not make east bay residents pay for this project.

thank you

Jeff Shaw

From: [J Jordan](#)
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I want City Council to insist that MMWD avoid closure of the Bay Trail during construction of the pipeline project. The 14th richest county in the nation can afford to develop a less intrusive water delivery system. Richmond residents should not have to suffer for Marin county's lack of foresight.

In addition I want City Council to insist residential neighborhoods not be impacted, especially those with less economic power, either with noise or traffic barrier. I want City Council to insist the emergency approval of this agenda rejected and environmental impacts completed at the expense of Marin County.

Jessica Jordan
Park Ave, Richmond, CA

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Jessica

From: [Joan Cone](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: "Public Comments Agenda Item J-6 MMWD Water Pipeline"
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I urge the City Council to deny MMWD permission to use City of Richmond streets or other property for a pump station and water pipeline located on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580.

The cost of this plan is too great for the businesses of Richmond to shoulder to say nothing of the inconveniences the plan would cause to the citizens of Richmond.

Thank you,
Joan Cone

From: [Julie and Joe Heath](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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I am opposed to the installation of of the diesel generators and pumps proposed by MMWD just below our home here in Point Richmond. We already have way above our quota of fuel emissions and freeway noise. Place these devices on the Chevron Refinery side of the freeway or over near the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge toll plaza. MMWD needs to go back to the drawing board for planning the pipeline site and who its construction impacts most.

Sincerely,
Joe Heath
144 Eddy Street, Point Richmond

From: [Kathleen Wimer](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Tom Butt - external](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Melvin Willis](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Nat Bates](#); gayleforrichmond@gmail.com
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Please deny MMWD permission to use City of Richmond streets or other property for a pump station and water pipeline located on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580.

MMWD should pursue alternatives to installing the three to four skid-mounted, above-ground pumps and emergency diesel generators in a residential and commercial area of Point Richmond. For example, they could be placed in the industrial area on the northern side of I-580. Alternatively, they might install the pump station at the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580 where EBMUD has a 12" water main.

Recent rains may obviate the reason for MMWD's request. In any case, I would think they supply time for correction of the MMWD proposal and your thoughtful deliberation.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated refusal to grant the MMWD request as is.

Kathleen Wimer
518 Tremont
Richmond

From: [Leisa Johnson](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Pamela Christian](#); [Leisa Johnson](#)
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Dear City Clerk,

Can you please include these written open forum comments in the formal supplementary meeting materials? Please note that these two items were combined tonight.

Thank you,
Leisa

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

People in Richmond want Marin County residents and representatives to stop treating us with complete disrespect in order to meet their needs and enhance their quality of life. This happened with the Richmond San Rafael bridge when the east bound direction was modified to three lanes, and left the westbound direction with only two lanes and no breakdown lane. This has left us with significant traffic congestion whenever there is an incident on the bridge and increased pollution from idling cars.

Now, Marin County is once again proposing to adversely impact the lives of Richmond residents. They were warned in 1977 to take droughts more seriously and put responsible conservation measures in place, but that doesn't seem to have happened.

They are prepared to completely disregard our health and quality of life so that they can continue to fill their pools and water their lawns in the rain, while not implementing meaningful & necessary fines and more stringent conservation measures.

This new project is not about conservation; this is about them continuing to use water at the same rate without being good neighbors or environmental stewards.

Their clear actions but muddy proposal does not meet the standards for an emergency project. It is a **permanent** project designed to augment MMWD's water supply.

Requests that this council should insist on:

- This process is being imposed on us with no CEQA protection. As such, I am

respectfully requesting that any project must have a full EIR.

- If the project proceeds, MMWD must commit to no shutdowns of the San Rafael Bridge Trail and the Bay Trail during construction.
- MMWD must commit that the pipeline won't be put in or on the Bay Trail between Castro Street and the RSR Bridge, which would eliminate the pump station in vicinity of Castro & Tewksbury.
- Any new pump station must not be put in residential areas.
- The City of Richmond and its residents must be compensated for the inconvenience of the proposed street excavations for new pipelines.
- Construction will congest traffic on at least the lower deck of the RSRB and probably on the upper deck and this must be mitigated.

I would like to ask why if this is only planned to provide up to 8% of their drinking water, and we all know it is permanent, then why aren't we seeing the cost of an alternative permanent desalination project to provide that 8% of water?

I also don't understand how the weight of the bike path dividers + a pipeline with water is less weight than a third vehicle lane on the upper deck. Can someone please clarify this because it all sounds unbelievable at this point.

The MMWD as currently proposed is insanity and there is no due oversight. We want our voices to be heard and our quality of lives to matter.

Thank you.

Leisa Johnson

From: [Linda Newton](#)
To: [Norma Wallace](#)
Cc: [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [ezedmartin@yahoo.com](#); [gayleforrichmond@gmail.com](#); [mrmelvinwillis@gmail.com](#)
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Linda

On Tue, Oct 26, 2021 at 12:29 PM Norma Wallace <587njw@gmail.com> wrote:

I request the City Council deny MMWD permission to use City of Richmond streets or other property, including private property of Clearwater Sciences, for a pump station and water pipeline located on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580, 50 yards from my residence.

MMWD's failure to plan should not burden other watersheds, should not burden the environment (heavy construction requires mined materials), and should not destroy the ability to enjoy our homes in relative peace - outside commute hours or Chevron flaring incidents.

In short, I am feeling negative about the prospect of this proposal being approved. Please stop the project.

- a. MMWD needs to live within ITS OWN MEANS.
- b. If that means a Desalinization plant, or capturing fog as some propose, then they need to get take those actions.
- c. Marin citizens used to lower their use of water back in the 1970's and '80's and beyond while I worked there, But nowadays everything is so beautiful in Marin: bright green golf courses NOW such as San Geronimo, bright green lawns, full swimming pools and Cows draining lakes.

1. The project has already begun, with workers surveying the location. A neighbor spoke with them outside her house. Surveyers are out today. Soil testing has begun. So, the project apparently does not require City of Richmond permission?

2. This proposed project will have an extremely negative impact on the entire Point Richmond hillside neighborhood above Tewskbury: not just construction but the

ongoing nightmare of 24x7 noise. Add the backdrop of the Refinery and its ongoing flaring - even October 23 as the skies opened with a deluge, flaring activity was high and those particles rained right back down on us - and this project to the south of the soundwall will amplify all impacts.

3. The situation with the commuter backup and general driver frustration and the lack of engineered intersection at Castro and Tewksbury will be compounded by ANY activity in the immediate area. Drivers routinely ignore the NO TURN ON RED, the NO U-TURN signs. Truckers routinely ignore the NO TRUCKS OVER 5 TONS into Point Richmond. None of this will be improved by implementing this project at this location.

4. Already, every morning there is black debris in my neighbor's water bowl that she leaves outside on her back deck facing the freeway. This air pollution is very dangerous for our health in a most wonderful community.

5. The staging of materials, estimated **six months of construction seven days a week, including at night time**, and operation of the project will have significant adverse effects on my neighbors'

lives, my mental and physical health and the health and stress levels of those with whom I reside. They would be subjected to the noise and air pollution associated with a high pressure pump station and diesel generators near Castro Street and Tewksbury Avenue with three or four above-ground, skid-mounted pumps moving 12.5 million gallons/day plus a diesel emergency generator set (about 50' x 15').

6. In fact, the project will depress values for homes on the entire hillside.

7. MMWD admits they did not reach out to Richmond residents, as they are required to do by their own job descriptions.

8. MMWD could have implemented reductions, fines and water cut offs. Instead, they allow agriculture to drain West Marin lakes, such as Stafford, to such degree that local residential wells for DRINKING WATER have run dry. Agriculture in West Marin means DAIRY COWS. Most people in the world are lactose intolerant. These cows are not required for life. They are all slaughtered anyway, they need to go NOW so Marin can retain for drinking water what little it has.

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11. Had MMWD attacked the several above areas in 2020 or 2019, they would have

drinking water.

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14. I worked in Marin for over 30 years. I respected Marinites. In the 1970s drought, Marin was a leader in water conservation. Now? Not.

15. We ALREADY endured months of construction, including jackhammering, tearing up Tewksbury, and repaving for the Bay Trail. Since there were environmental benefits, it seemed for the best.

16. This project destroys the environment, rather than enhancing. Removes access to precious beautiful quiet clean OPEN SPACE on the Point Molate peninsula for ALL who would rather heal the planet by walking or bicycling there.

And now Marin wants Richmond to enable its' stealing of water from other watersheds (WHO HAS WATER TO SHARE???), from OTHER environments, from OTHER wildlife - because they failed to plan.

They can do what Hawaiians do. Drive their electric cars to a water location provided by the city or county, and fill up their containers to bring home. THEN and only then will the residents, rich included, understand how precious water is.

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Linda Newton

From: [Miriam Joscelyn](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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I am a bicyclist and use the Bay Trail across the RSR bridge and to Pt. Molate Beach for recreation and exercise. I do not think the trail should be closed to install the MMWD water line. Alternatives exist and the City Council should not grant the MMWD's encroachment of the trail nor the use of City property for noisy Diesel engines.

Thank you.

Miriam Joscelyn

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Norma Wallace](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [ezedmartin@yahoo.com](#); [gayleforrichmond@gmail.com](#); [mrmelvinwillis@gmail.com](#)
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6. If I try to sell my home now, my housing value will be heavily damaged and decreased by this proposed heavy industrial use of the Clearwater Sciences yard. NOTHING stands between that yard and my home. That value will remain depressed so long as the generator runs. In fact, the project will depress values for the entire hillside.

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Lastly, my Chochenyo Ohlone and Bay Miwok ancestors lived HERE for more than 10,000 years, tending the land with care, living WITHIN carrying capacity of the land.

In less than 300 years, Settlers have managed to destroy the land, pollute the water, and eradicate natural seasons. And now Marin wants Richmond to enable its' stealing of water from other watersheds (WHO HAS WATER TO SHARE???), from OTHER environments, from OTHER wildlife - because they failed to plan.

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Over my dead body apparently.

Weeping for the planet,

Norma Jean Wallace
Be the Change

From: [pat](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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Dear Richmond City Council:

The Marin Municipal Water District is presenting the proposed Marin/Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Water Pipeline Project. This would prevent bicycle and pedestrian access to the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail and more nearby locations for months.

To my understanding, BART service to Marin was blocked decades ago, shaping the community there. Now they have the 14th richest county in the nation after they didn't want more public access. It's not right for them to now cut off access again, while pushing the impact of their water use on Richmond residents and East Bay users of important infrastructure on the bridge.

With climate change around the world, cities are recognizing the need to rein in consumption driven by reliance on cars, especially wasteful single-occupant car traffic. They invest in the future with development that puts people, not cars first. People will plan ahead many years with decisions about where they live and how to get around. These aren't short term decisions based on access that can't be depended on for years. In the East Bay, fighting for decades for access to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail should not be undone so soon. Marin county can afford to develop a less imposing solution for water delivery.

Please insist that MMWD should not close the Bay Trail while the pipeline project proceeds.

Patrick Lake
312 Golden Gate Ave
Richmond CA

From: [Rick Rickard](#)
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I am an Oakland resident who regularly rides my bicycle across the RSR bridge. To me it is unconscionable for MMWD to consider closing access to that path for months to install their pipeline, especially when there appear to be other viable solutions.

The world is in a climate crisis. We should be looking for ways to encourage the use of alternative transportation modes. But instead planners and politicians continue to treat users other than automobile drivers as second-class citizens. No one would ever think (much less propose) to inconvenience drivers in this way, but blocking access for bicycles for several months is simply seen as a minor inconvenience. Sad.

On a personal note, I recently bought a bicycle in Marin County (and paid Marin County sales taxes on the purchase). When I need service on the bike, I ride across to the shop. With this proposed closure, I'll be required to drive the bike to the shop, adding one more trip to the already burdened 580 corridor.

Rick Rickard
Oakland

From: [Rodney Paul](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
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I am a Contra Costa County resident and am concerned about the water pipeline for Marin County that is being discussed. I agree with Mayor Tom Butt's position on this.

Please reject the plan to use the Bay Trail as a water conduit for Marin County. There are ways to route this that do not impact the Bay Trail access to the RSR bridge and Pt. Molate. Marin County has a largely affluent population and shouldn't take away important public space from Richmond residents when there are alternatives that may cost more but preserve access.

The Bay Trail is an important public health resource. Please protect our ability to use it.

-Rodney Paul

From: [Rodrick Satre](#)
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I am suggesting that the installation of a supplemental water line from EBMUD to Marin can avoid disruption and disturbance of trails, streets and assorted other pathways by electing to use trenchless technology and directional drilling methods. This approach was used by a firm I worked for (HLA) in a Concord California neighborhood where we determined that directional drilling to install conveyance piping was better able to limit surface soil disturbances, plants, trees, driveways and the like versus a classic open trench installation. That was in 1995. A link of a whole presentation here: <https://doczz.net/doc/5040898/2014-microtunneling-supplement---trenchless-technology-ma...> was presented in 2014. The subsurface conditions need to be checked, **just as you would for trenched work** to confirm there are no utilities or other conflicts.

Taking a trenchless approach will likely effect a cost and time savings over the proposed open trench installation. It will also have a much lower intrusion on paths and streets.

[2014 Microtunneling Supplement - Trenchless Technology Magazine - construction](#)

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Regards,
Rodrick I Satre, REA

From: Bruce Beyaert <baytrailtrac@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 3:18 PM
To: Rod Satre <rdsatre@live.com>
Subject: Fwd: Public Comments Agenda Item J-6 MMWD Water Pipeline

Rod,
FYI, here's TRAC's email to CC.
Bruce

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bruce Beyaert <baytrailtrac@gmail.com>
Subject: Public Comments Agenda Item J-6 MMWD Water Pipeline
Date: October 24, 2021 at 1:43:58 PM PDT
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Mayor Butt and City Councilors,

This Tuesday night, please inform Marin Municipal Water District that they must avoid closure of the Bay Trail during construction of their intertie pipeline project.

Referring to the attached map, MMWD's proposal to bury a 24" water pipeline in the Bay Trail between Castro Street and the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580 means shutting down bicycle and pedestrian access to/from the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail, Point Molate Beach Park and the Point San Pablo Harbor with its popular Black Star Pirate BarBQ for two to three months. To close one section of the trail is to close the entire 5.5 miles to/from San Rafael, as well as the only bicycle and pedestrian access to Point Molate Beach Park. Shuttle vehicles are not the answer — few will want to go thru the delay and hassle.

MMWD should pursue alternatives to putting the pump station and pipeline in the Point Richmond residential and commercial district. One potential alternative is to use EBMUD's 12" water main at the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580 . Another way to avoid closure of the Bay Trail between Castro St. and Stenmark Drive would be to install MMWD's pumps and water pipeline from Point Richmond in the industrial area on the northern side of I-580, e.g. under or along Chevron Way on Caltrans and/or City property.

The City of Richmond can ensure that the pumps and pipeline are built on the northern side of I-580 by, if necessary, refusing any permits/agreements that MMWD would need to construct them on the southern side of I-580. The 14th richest county in the nation can afford to invest a bit more if necessary to avoid burdening Richmond residents and businesses for their failure to conserve water and implement plans for adequate supplies.

Bruce

Bruce Beyaert, TRAC Chair

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<http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail/>

<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/109/TRAC>

Photos: <https://sfbaytrailinrichmond.shutterfly.com/pictures/5> .

Bay Trail

- Complete
- - - Incomplete

Connector Trail

- Complete
- - - Incomplete

- Water Trail site
- Water Trail site (planned)
- Parks/Open Space
- Water Bodies

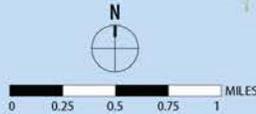
Bay Trail: Castro/Stenmark



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Ferry Point

Brickyard Cove

Point Richmond

Richmond

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Cutting Blvd

Boat Ramp St

Canal Blvd

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Richmond BART Station

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Point Isabel Regional Shoreline

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From: [Roy Whelden](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Bridge
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 11:52:40 AM

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I've read that the pedestrian/bicycle path on the Richmond bridge might be closed. Please don't do that. Have you seen how many people use it every day?

Sincerely,
Roy Whelden
468 62nd Street
Oakland CA 94609

From: [Steve Early](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Cc: [Tom Butt - external](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin >](#); [Melvin Willis](#)
Subject: "Public Comments Agenda Item J-6 MMWD Water Pipeline"
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 2:28:00 PM

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Dear City Council Members:

We are writing about Tuesday night's [presentation by the Marin Municipal Water District \(MMWD\) regarding its proposed Marin East Bay Emergency Intertie Project. This involves construction of a water pipeline connection to the East Bay Municipal Utilities District \(EBMUD\) to be located on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge in order to augment MMWD's water supply in response to the current shortage in Marin County.](#)

As TRAC Chair Bruce Beyaert and other concerned neighbors have pointed out, there would be many adverse effects of MMWD's proposed pump station and pipeline on Richmond residents and businesses. The MMWD proposal to bury the pipeline in the Bay Trail between Castro Street and the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580 would require shutting down bicycle and pedestrian access to the Richmond San Rafael Bridge Trail, Point Molate Beach Park and the Point San Pablo Harbor.

We strongly urge the city council to deny MMWD permission to use City of Richmond streets or other property for a pump station and water pipeline located on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580. This will force MMWD to pursue alternatives to installing the three to four skid-mounted, above-ground pumps and emergency diesel generators in a residential and commercial area of Point Richmond and insure that the major impact of this construction falls on the northern (and industrial side) of I-580, including by locating a needed pump station at the Stenmark Drive exit from I-580 where EBMUD has a 12" water main.

Best wishes and thanks for taking our concerns about this project into consideration!

Steve Early and Suzanne Gordon
747 Lobos Avenue
Richmond, CA. 94801

From: [tania.mantua](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#); [Tom Butt - external](#); [Nat Bates](#); [Claudia Jimenez](#); [Demnlus Johnson](#); [Eduardo Martinez](#); [Gayle McLaughlin >](#); [Melvin Willis](#)
Subject: Public Comments Agenda Item J-6 MMWD Water Pipeline
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:00:07 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please do whatever needs to be done to insist that MMWD avoid closure of the Bay Trail during construction of the pipeline project. Also, please ask they take measures not to disrupt neighborhoods and to try and keep the equipment on public lands.

Tania Mantua
Point Richmond Resident

From: [Tom Piazza](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments Agenda Item J-6 MMWD Water Pipeline
Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:53:37 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please request the City Council to deny MMWD permission to use City of Richmond streets or other property for a pump station and water pipeline located on the southern (Point Richmond) side of I-580.

We want to be helpful to the residents of Marin County, but there are better ways to get that water pipeline in service.

Respectfully yours,
Thomas Piazza
55 Crest Ave., Richmond

From: [Warren Wells](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments Agenda Item J-6 MMWD Water Pipeline
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:18:51 PM

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Dear Members of the Richmond City Council,

The Marin County Bicycle Coalition opposes the plans by Marin Municipal Water District to install the proposed emergency intertie pipeline within the San Francisco Bay Trail connection to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge between Castro Street and Stenmark Drive. We urge them to consider an alternative alignment that would not significantly disrupt active transportation between Richmond, Point Molate, and Marin County.

The substantial improvements developed by the City of Richmond to connect to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge path have gone a long way toward creating a seamless cross-Bay connection. And while the multi-use path on the bridge is indeed well below capacity, it serves as a crucial link, allowing people to get between Contra Costa and Marin Counties without (1) having to own a car or (2) wait for an expensive, infrequent bus (in the interest of full disclosure, I myself am an East Bay resident who commutes to Marin for work).

We urge you to not allow a multi-week (or possibly multi-month) shutdown of the path. Even if shuttle service is provided, it will almost certainly not be available in the early morning or evening, and will substantially discourage use.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Warren J. Wells, AICP
Policy and Planning Director
Marin County Bicycle Coalition
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pronouns: he, him, his

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From: [Cordell Hindler](#)
To: [City Clerk Dept User](#)
Subject: Public Comments- J-7 Study Session
Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021 3:10:26 PM

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good evening Mayor Butt. Council Members and city staff, I have some wonderful news to share

I am In the Process of reaching out to the local schools to mention about the Youth Council

Sincerely
Cordell